

## Status of Ahlul Bayt In Divine Words

إِنَّمَا يُرِيدُ اللَّهُ لِيُذْهِبَ عَنْكُمُ الرِّجْسَ أَهْلَ الْبَيْتِ وَيُطَهِّرَكُمْ تَطْهِيراً

***“Allah only desires to keep away the impurities from you, O people of the House! And to purify you a (thorough) purifying “ (Qur'an, 33:33)***

قُلْ لَا أَسْأَلُكُمْ عَلَيْهِ أَجْرًا إِلَّا الْمَوَدَّةَ فِي الْقُرْبَىٰ

***“ Say: I do not ask of you any reward for it but love for my near relatives “(Qur'an, 42:23)***

### In the Prophet's Sunnah

إِنَّ اللَّهَ وَمَلَائِكَتَهُ يُصَلُّونَ عَلَى النَّبِيِّ يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا صَلُّوا عَلَيْهِ وَسَلِّمُوا تَسْلِيمًا

***“Surely Allah and His angels bless the Prophet; O you who believe! Call for divine blessings for him and salute him with a (becoming) salutation” (Qur'an, 33:56)***

In Tafsir al-Qurtabi as well as in other exegesis of the Holy Quran, this verse has been explained. Also in Sahih Muslim and other books on hadith it has been narrated from Abu Masoud Ansari that:

“The Prophet (S) approached us while we were in the company of Sa.'d ibn- Ebadeh. Basheer-ibn-Sa.'d addressed the Prophet; `Allah has commanded us to send greetings upon you. Tell us, how one should send greetings upon you. The Prophet fell silent for such long time that we wished such a question had not been asked at all. After a while, the Prophet (S) replied: Say:

اللهم صل على محمد وآل محمد كما صليت على إبراهيم و آل إبراهيم. و بارك على محمد وآل محمد كما باركت

على ابراهيم و آل ابراهيم في العالمين. إنك حميد مجيد

In salutation too, you may recite what you have just learnt. “1

Tirmidhi in his Sunan writes: “Traditions in this regard have also been narrated from other companions like Ali, Abu Hamid, Ka.’b-ibn-Ajareh, Talha-ibn- Ubaidullah, Abu Saeed, Zaid-ibn-Harith and Bareedah. “ Tirmidhi says: `this hadith is acceptable and correct.’

Moreover, Ibn Hajar Haithami has recorded in Sawa.’eq al-Muharreqa and Samhoudi Shafa.’ee has related in Jawaher al-Aqdain that the Prophet (S) said: “Do not send imperfect salutations upon me. “ The people inquired: ‘O the Messenger of Allah! What is an imperfect salutation?

The Prophet (S) said: “That you say:

اللهم صل على محمد

(O Allah send salutations on Muhammad) and conclude. Desist from such a recitation, rather say:

اللهم صل على محمد وآل محمد

(O Allah sends salutations on Muhammad and his progeny)

Thus, reciting the words (progeny of Muhammad) after sending greetings and salutations on the Messenger of Allah (S) is one Sunnah, neglected and forsaken by a section of the Muslims.

1. Refer to the following sources: Sahih-Bukhari: 3/159 & 160 and 4/72; Sahih-Muslim, Book of Salat, hadith 65, 66 & 69, page 305-306; Sunan-Abu Davoud; Book of Salat; 1/257-258; Sunan-Nesaei, Beirut print, 3/45 and 3/47-49; Sunan-Ibn Maajah, 1/292-294, hadith 903-906; Sunan-Tirmidhi, 1/179-180 & Kitab al-Tafsir, Tafsir Sura al-Ahzab, Ayah 56, 12/95; Sunan-Darami; 1/309-310; Muwatta-Malik, 1/179-180 and Musnad-Ahmad 1/162, 3/47, 4/118, 119, 241, 243, 244 & 424; 5/274.

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